

THIRTIETH STATED MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

THE Thirtieth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union convened in Cambridge, Mass., Monday evening, November 11th, 1912. The business meeting was held in Mr. William Brewster's museum, and the public sessions, commencing Tuesday, November 12th, and lasting three days, were held in the Geological and Zoölogical Lecture-rooms of the University Museum.

BUSINESS SESSION. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Frank M. Chapman. Sixteen Fellows were present. The Secretary's report gave the membership of the Union at the opening of the present Stated Meeting as 929, constituted as follows: Fellows, 46; Retired Fellows, 2; Honorary Fellows, 16; Corresponding Fellows, 59; Members, 77; Associates, 729.

During the year the Union lost sixty-six members, five by death, twenty-three by resignation, and thirty-eight for non-payment of dues. The deceased members include two Corresponding Fellows, one Member, and two Associates, as follows:

Prof. Alfred Dugès,¹ a Corresponding Fellow, who died in Mexico, January 7th, 1910, in the 84th year of his age; Dr. Wilhelm August Blasius,² a Corresponding Fellow, who died in Brunswick, Germany, May 31st, 1912, aged 67 years; Bradford Torrey,³ a Member, who died in Santa Barbara, Cal., October 7th, 1912, aged 69 years; and the following Associates: Mrs. Ellen Sheldon Farwell, who died at Lake Forest, Ill., August 6th, 1912, in her 53d year; and Capt. H. W. Small, of Staunton, Va.

The report of the Treasurer showed the finances of the Union to be in a satisfactory condition.

All of the officers were re-elected, as follows: Frank M. Chapman, President; A. K. Fisher and Henry W. Henshaw, Vice-Presidents; John H. Sage, Secretary; Jonathan Dwight, Jr., Treasurer; Ruthven Deane, William Dutcher, F. A. Lucas, Chas. W. Richmond,

¹ For an obituary notice, see Auk. xxix, p. 434.

² For an obituary notice, see Auk. xxix, p. 571.

³ For an obituary notice see 'Notes and News' below.

Thomas S. Roberts, Witmer Stone, and Wilfred H. Osgood, members of the Council.

Edward Howe Forbush, Westboro, Mass., Louis Agassiz Fuertes, Ithaca, N. Y., and C. William Beebe, of New York City, were elected Fellows; M. A. Carriker, Jr., of Santa Marta, Colombia, was elected a Corresponding Fellow; Frederic H. Kennard, Newton Centre, Mass.; Dr. John C. Phillips, Wenham, Mass.; Norman A. Wood, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Alexander Wetmore, Lawrence, Kansas, and Miss Althea R. Sherman, National, Iowa, were elected to the class of Members, and the following one hundred and eighty-six persons were elected Associates:

Edward Raymond Adams, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Emily C. Hall Armstrong, Hyde Park, Mass.
Mrs. Caroline Wheeler Babson, Pigeon Cove, Mass.
Chas. H. M. Barrett, Medford, Mass.
Miss Mary F. Bartlett, Boston, Mass.
Ernest Harold Baynes, Meriden, N. H.
Prof. W. B. Bell, Agricultural College, North Dakota.
Rolan H. Blood, Pepperell, Mass.
Mrs. Elizabeth Quincy Bolles, Cambridge, Mass.
Miss Louise Bond, Fort Wayne, Ind.
F. G. Bonfils, Denver, Col.
Spencer Borden, Fall River, Mass.
Henry S. Borneman, Frankford, Pa.
Mrs. Harriet T. Boyd, Dedham, Mass.
Charles T. Boynton, Highland Park, Ill.
Prof. M. A. Brannon, University, No. Dak.
William Foreacre Brantley, Pine Knoll, Ga.
Mrs. William Brewster, Cambridge, Mass.
Gorham Brooks, Boston, Mass.
H. A. Brown, Lowell, Mass.
Mrs. Henry Temple Brown, Winchester, Mass.
Charles O. Burbank, Newton Centre, Mass.
Mrs. J. W. Burekes, Waltham, Mass.
John Bird Burnham, New York City.
Jefferson Butler, Detroit, Mich.
Joseph Fletcher Calvert, London, Ontario.
Rev. Robert Francis Cheney, Southboro, Mass.
Grace E. Chipman, Sandwich, Mass.
Mrs. Annie M. L. Clark, Lancaster, Mass.
Laura F. Craft, Glen Cove, N. Y.
Mrs. Nettie S. Cressy, West Hartford, Conn.

- Stanley Coulter, Lafayette, Ind.
Wallace Craig, Orono, Me.
Mrs. David Crocker, Barnstable, Mass.
Mrs. Emmons Crocker, Fitchburg, Mass.
Mrs. H. P. Cross, Providence, R. I.
Miss Ada Dana, Newton, Mass.
Mrs. Helen P. Dane, Chestnut Hill, Mass.
Mrs. Frances Stillman Davidson, Springfield, Ill.
Prof. L. Dorn, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Sarah H. Dudley, Berlin, Mass.
Charles H. Early, Hyde Park, Mass.
Scott Harrison Eaton, Lawrenceville, Ill.
Miss Phoebe Palmer Edwards, Brookline, Mass.
Vinal N. Edwards, Woods Hole, Mass.
Arthur S. Eldredge, South Lincoln, Mass.
Mrs. Mary L. Eliot, Needham, Mass.
Mrs. Mary Van Everen Ferguson, Providence, R. I.
Miss Mary B. Ferry, Norwalk, Conn.
L. H. Fingley, Providence, R. I.
Laurence B. Fletcher, Boston, Mass.
Alexander Forbes, Milton, Mass.
Dr. Augustus M. Ford, Providence, R. I.
Miss Fanny Ford, Mesilla Park, Agricultural College, New Mexico
Mrs. John R. Freeman, Providence, R. I.
N. W. Frasure, Lancaster, Ohio.
Ira N. Gabrielson, Marshalltown, Iowa.
Severin Gertken, Collegeville, Minn.
John T. Gibson, Southborough, Mass.
Mrs. John R. Gladding, Providence, R. I.
Alfred D. Gleason, Gleasondale, Mass.
W. Vernon Godshall, Río Piedras, Porto Rico.
Lewis S. Golsan, Antangaville, Ala.
Dr. Alfred M. Gould, Malden, Mass.
Miss Isa E. Gray, Boston, Mass.
Caroline S. Greene, Cambridge, Mass.
Herbert Spencer Grimes, Branchville, Conn.
Henry Rice Guild, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. Harriette L. Hemenway, Readville, Mass.
Alexander Henderson, Chestnut Hill, Mass.
Henry Charles Higgins, Uxbridge, Mass.
William H. Hill, Brookline, Mass.
Miss Julia R. Hotchkiss, New York City.
N. F. Lenssen, Englewood, N. J.
George Lyman Hinckley, Boston, Mass.
Henry Hersey Hinckley, Boston, Mass.
Florence A. Howe, Indianapolis, Ind.

J. C. Hvoslef, Lanesboro', Minn.
 H. David Ives, Southampton, N. Y.
 Ida G. Jenkins, Roxbury, Mass.
 Charles W. Jenks, Bedford, Mass.
 Jens Knudsen Jensen, Westwood, Mass.
 Chas. Eugene Johnson, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Prof. Morris Johnson, Valley City, No. Dak.
 Lombard C. Jones, M. D., Falmouth, Mass.
 F. W. Jones, Somerville, Mass.
 Frank Louis Kemerling, Denver, Colo.
 William Filmore Kendrick, Denver, Colo.
 Allan Keniston, Edgartown, Mass.
 Bernard W. King, New York City.
 Charles R. Lamb, Cambridge, Mass.
 J. Howard Leman, Boston, Mass.
 Harrison F. Lewis, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.
 Mrs. Herman E. Lewis, Haverhill, Mass.
 Prof. O. G. Libby, Fargo, North Dakota.
 Stokley Ligon, Pecos, Reeves Co., Texas.
 Dr. D. Moore Lindsay, Salt Lake City, Utah.
 John William Linzee, Boston, Mass.
 R. B. McLain, Wheeling, W. Va.
 Mrs. Mary B. Luce, Boston, Mass.
 Elias P. Mann, Williamstown, Mass.
 Harold Lester Madison, Providence, R. I.
 George Castor Martin, Frankford, Pa.
 Ella M. Ormsby Marshall, New Salem, Mass.
 Edwin Stuart Mattern, Allentown, Pa.
 Walter I. Mattern, Allentown, Pa.
 Miss Adelina May, Lynn, Mass.
 Charles Johnson Maynard, West Newton, Mass.
 Charles Johnson Means, Boston, Mass.
 W. C. Mells, Columbus, Ohio.
 John T. Mellus, Wellesley, Mass.
 Albert Rowe Merrill, Hamilton, Mass.
 Robert W. Metcalf, Springfield, Mass.
 Leo E. Miller, New York City.
 Harry Gilman Morse, Huron, Ohio.
 Frank M. Phelps, Elyria, Ohio.
 Miss Lillian P. Richards, Boston, Mass.
 Alexander L. Moir, Lowell, Mass.
 Miss Mary Mossman, Boston, Mass.
 Mrs. H. S. Newell, Duluth, Minn.
 Henry H. Simpson, Fanlew, Florida.
 Donald J. Nicholson, Orlando, Florida.
 Arthur A. Osborne, Peabody, Mass.

Samuel Copeland Palmer, Swarthmore, Pa.
 John E. Parsons, Lenox, Mass.
 Mrs. Cora E. Pease, Malden, Mass.
 Thomas E. Penard, Arlington, Mass.
 Miss Annie S. Penfield, Boston, Mass.
 Dr. George Henry Perkins, Burlington, Vt.
 Rev. Edward C. Porter, Boston, Mass.
 Julian K. Potter, Camden, N. J.
 Charles Lincoln Phillips, Taunton, Mass.
 Alfred E. Preble, North Abington, Mass.
 Roy Lee Primm, Madison, Wisc.
 Mrs. Henry H. Proctor, Boston, Mass.
 Thomas Emerson Proctor, Topsfield, Mass.
 Prof. Frederic Ward Putnam, Cambridge, Mass.
 Charles R. Ramsden, Guantanamo, Cuba.
 Charles Irving Rawson, Oxford, Mass.
 Paul M. Rea, Charleston, S. C.
 Samuel E. Beecher, Chester, Ill.
 Mrs. Ellen T. C. Rockwood, Worcester, Mass.
 Theodore Eric William Reynolds, Kent, Washington.
 Wyman Richardson, Boston, Mass.
 A. Lillian Rideout, Swampscott, Mass.
 A. A. Ringwalt, Fort Wayne, Ind.
 Clark L. Ring, Saginaw, Mich.
 Mrs. James W. Ripley, Malden, Mass.
 Charles Ripley, Dorchester, Mass.
 James O. Roberts, Utica, N. Y.
 Lucretius H. Ross, M. D., Bennington, Vt.
 Frederic Schenck, Cambridge, Mass.
 Prof. C. C. Schmidt, University, No. Dak.
 Jotham B. Sewell, Brookline, Mass.
 Charles Frederick Shaw, North Abington, Mass.
 H. A. Shaw, Fargo, No. Dak.
 Mary E. Shaw, Andover, Mass.
 Henry W. Shoemaker, Riverside, Conn.
 Henry H. Simpson, Fanlew, Florida.
 J. Holbrook Shaw, M. D., Plymouth, Mass.
 Mrs. Daniel D. Slade, Chestnut Hill, Mass.
 Gilbert M. Stark, Saginaw, West Side, Mich.
 Frank Everden Stevens, Somerville, Mass.
 Herbert Lee Stoddard, Milwaukee, Wisc.
 Allan James Stover, Corvallis, Oregon.
 Francis A. Strater, Brookline, Mass.
 John N. Summers, Melrose Highlands, Mass.
 M. W. Tanner, Saginaw, West Side, Mich.
 Henry Thurston, Floral Park, N. Y.

Franklin Tomlinson, Shelton, Conn.
Mrs. Helen M. Tower, Cambridge, Mass.
Harry Trippet, Montclair, N. J.
John G. Tyler, Fresno, Calif.
Windsor M. Tyler, M. D., Lexington, Mass.
Prof. J. William Votey, Burlington, Vt.
Henderson Wallace, Washington, Iowa.
Annie L. Warner, Salem, Mass.
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Waite, Cambridge, Mass.
Mrs. Mary Clark Waite, Medford, Mass.
Mrs. W. G. Webber, Bedford, Mass.
Harvey Wheeler, Concord, Mass.
Myron L. Whitcomb, Haverhill, Mass.
Dr. David Day Whitney, Middletown, Conn.
H. V. Williams, Agricultural College, No. Dak.
George Willett, Los Angeles, Calif.
Arthur Melvin Winslow, Worcester, Mass.

Drs. Allen, Dwight, Merriam and Richmond, and Messrs. Brewster, Ridgway and Stone were re-appointed 'Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds.'

Dr. A. K. Fisher, E. W. Nelson and Dr. Chas. W. Richmond were re-appointed 'Committee on Bird Protection.'

It was voted to publish an additional Index to 'The Auk' covering the years 1901 to 1910, inclusive.

The following amendments to the By-Laws, proposed at the last Stated Meeting of the Union, were adopted. Article IV, Section 5, now reads:

"Elections to the classes of Fellows and Members shall be held in the following manner: The number to be elected shall be first decided by a majority vote of the Fellows present at the Stated Meeting at which the election is to be held, but not more than five Fellows nor more than five Members shall be elected in any one year.

At each ballot each Fellow present may vote for nominees not exceeding the full number of vacancies to be filled, and the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected, provided that he receive the votes of at least three-fourths of the Fellows present, and so on until the vacancies are filled. Any candidate who, in each of ten successive ballots, fails to receive the votes of half of the Fellows present, shall cease to be a candidate during the remainder of the Stated Meeting.

The election of either Fellows or Members may be suspended at any time by a majority vote of the Fellows present.

During election a discussion of the merits of nominees will be in order."

Article V, Section 1, now reads:

"The annual dues shall be for Fellows five dollars, for Members four, and for Associates three dollars. No dues shall be required of Retired, Honorary or Corresponding Fellows."

Section 6 of Article IV was eliminated.

PUBLIC SESSIONS. *First Day.* The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Chapman.

The papers read during the morning session were as follows:

'Some Labrador Notes' by Dr. Charles W. Townsend.

'The Red-winged Blackbird: A Study in the Ecology of a Cattail Marsh,' by Arthur A. Allen. Illustrated by lantern slides. Remarks followed by Mr. Nichols, Prof. Barrows, Mrs. Chapman, and the author.

'On the Present Status of the Bobolink, or Rice-bird, in the South,' by Edward Howe Forbush. Remarks followed by Dr. Bishop, Mr. Francis, Prof. Pearson, and the Chair.

'Queer Nesting Sites of the House Wren,' by Wilbur F. Smith. Illustrated by lantern slides.

'A new Subspecies of Crossbill from Newfoundland,' by A. C. Bent. Illustrated with specimens.

'Notes from Northern Labrador,' by A. C. Bent. Remarks followed by Messrs. Murdoch, Arnold, Pearson, and the author.

'The Nest Life of the Sparrow Hawk,' by Miss Althea R. Sherman. Remarks followed by Mr. Bowdish.

The first paper of the afternoon was:

'Informal Notes on the Work of the Field Museum in South America,' by W. H. Osgood.

The remaining papers, both illustrated by lantern slides, were:

'Further Observations on Colombian Bird Life,' by Frank M. Chapman.

'Propagation and Restoration of American Wildfowl,' by Herbert K. Job.

Immediately after adjournment an informal reception was tendered the members of the Union and their friends, by Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Batchelder at their home on Kirkland Street.

In the evening the men of the Union were invited by Mr. Brewster to a reception at his Museum.

Second Day. The meeting was called to order by President Chapman.

The papers of the morning session were:

'The A. O. U. Check-List,' by Dr. Louis B. Bishop. Remarks followed by the Chair.

'Notes on the Panama Thrush-Warbler,' by Prof. Hubert Lyman Clark.

'Report of Progress on the 'Life Histories of North American Birds,' by A. C. Bent. Remarks followed by Mr. Cleaves, and the author.

'Some Notes from Sheepshead Bay and Manhattan Beach, New York City,' by George E. Hix. Remarks followed by Messrs. Smith, Cleaves, Bowdish, Fuertes, and the author.

'Concealing Action of the Bittern,' by Prof. Walter B. Barrows. Remarks followed by Messrs. Allen, Brewster, Arnold, Francis, Cleaves, Fuertes, Bowdish, Osgood, Peters, and Dr. Wright, Profs. Tuttle and Jones, and the author.

The following papers, all illustrated by lantern slides, were presented at the afternoon session:

'What the American Bird Banding Association has accomplished the Past Year,' by Howard H. Cleaves. Remarks followed by Messrs. Grant, Bowdish, Nichols, Bent, Baynes, and the author.

'A Biological Reconnaissance of the Okefinokee Swamp: The Birds,' by Dr. Albert H. Wright and Francis Harper. Presented by Dr. Wright.

'Notes on the Migration and Habits of some Long Island Shore Birds,' by Francis Harper, and John Treadwell Nichols. Presented by Mr. Nichols.

In the evening the members of the Union, and their friends, met at dinner at Mifflin Hall, Brattle Square. After the dinner an informal reception was held.

Third Day. The meeting was called to order by President Chapman. The papers of the session were:

'The Flight of Birds,' by Alexander Forbes. Remarks followed by Messrs. Bigelow, Brewster, Nichols, Fuertes, Grant, Batchelder, Pennock, and Webster, Prof. Barrows, Drs. Townsend and Elliot, and the author.

'A Glimpse at the Home Life of *Larus marinus*,' by Howard H. Cleaves. Illustrated by lantern slides.

'The Present Status of the Heath Hen,' by Dr. George W. Field. Illustrated by lantern slides, and a living specimen. Remarks followed by Messrs. Bigelow, Forbush, the Chair, and the author.

The following papers, in the absence of their authors, were read by title:

'Notes on the present Breeding Range of White Egrets in the United States,' by Prof. T. Gilbert Pearson.

'Passenger Pigeon: Report of the Year's Work,' by Prof. C. F. Hodge.

'Problem of Domesticating the Ruby-throated Hummingbird,' by Miss Katharine E. Dolbear.

'The Value of Bird Study in a Limited Area,' by Mrs. Alice Hall Walter.

'Two Flycatchers of the Genus *Empidonax* new to the Fauna of South Carolina,' by Arthur T. Wayne.

'Eighteen Species of Birds New to the Pribilof Islands, including Four New to North America,' by Dr. Barton W. Evermann.

'A Study of the House Finch,' by Dr. W. H. Bergtold.

'The Status of the Extinct *Melagrida*,' by Dr. R. W. Shufeldt.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the Museum authorities of Harvard University for the use of the Lecture-rooms; to the Nuttall Ornithological Club for the very cordial welcome and most generous hospitality extended to the visiting members and friends of the Union; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Batchelder, and Mr. and Mrs. William Brewster, for the kind attentions shown the members and friends of the Union, and to Col. and Mrs. John E. Thayer for the polite invitation to the members of the Union to visit their home and Museum at Lancaster, Mass.

Thursday afternoon, November 14th, Mr. William Brewster gave the ladies of the Union an opportunity to see his collection of birds at his Museum on Riedesel Avenue.

On Friday, November 15th, after adjournment of the Union, some seventy members and friends of the Union visited Lancaster, Mass. The party was most cordially received by Col. and Mrs. John E. Thayer, and several pleasant hours were spent in an inspection of their fine museum and valuable ornithological library.

The registered attendance of members at the Stated Meeting just closed was larger than ever before, and the number of new

members elected exceeded anything in the history of the Union, due in a great measure to the active interest of one Fellow. The social features at Cambridge will long be remembered.

The next meeting of the Union will be held in New York City, the date to be determined later.

JOHN H. SAGE,
Secretary.

GENERAL NOTES.

Sabine's Gull in Massachusetts.— On September 2, 1912, two Sabine's Gulls (*Xema sabini*) were taken at Chatham, Massachusetts, and sent to me in the flesh. Both were males in adult winter plumage and the skins are now in my collection. This is, I believe, the fourth record of the occurrence of this species in the state.— F. SEYMOUR HERSEY, *Taunton, Mass.*

Another Bridled Tern for South Carolina.— During the early part of September, 1912, a specimen of Bridled Tern (*Sterna anatheta*) flew into the ventilator of the Ocean Steamship, City of Memphis, while *en route* to Savannah. The Tern was caught and brought to Savannah and presented to Mr. Troup D. Perry, and is now in his collection; it was an adult bird in fine plumage.— G. R. ROSSIGNOL, JR., *Savannah, Ga.*

Caspian Tern in Chester Co., Pennsylvania.— Two Caspian Terns, (*Sterna caspia*) were shot at Lenape Park, on the Brandywine, near West Chester, on September 28, 1912, and were taken to the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences for identification. One had the black summer crown, and the other the gray one of winter, or immature plumage. The two birds were together and no others were with them. They were a female and young male and were doubtless blown inland by the three days easterly storm which prevailed at the time. This I believe is the first record of this bird for Chester County. I have heard of no one having seen them previous to the time they were collected.— ROBERT P. SHARPLES, *West Chester, Pa.*

Fulmar in Massachusetts.— On September 23, 1912, Mr. Daniel E. Harrington picked up on the beach at Monomoy Point, Chatham, a fine adult specimen of Fulmar (*Fulmarus glacialis glacialis*) and brought it to me for identification. It was perfectly fresh and in perfect condition, it has been mounted and is now in Mr. Harrington's possession.— C. EMERSON BROWN, *Boston, Mass.*